

House Resolution 137 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 137

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1 A Resolution recognizing April 2012 as Window Safety
2 Awareness Month for Iowa's children and families.

3 WHEREAS, spring is the season when Iowans begin to
4 open their windows; and

5 WHEREAS, insect screens are designed to keep bugs
6 out, not to withstand the weight of a child or an adult
7 or to prevent a fall from a window; and

8 WHEREAS, it is important for adults to supervise and
9 educate children to keep their play safely away from
10 windows and to help prevent accidental falls; and

11 WHEREAS, falls can be a cause of injuries to
12 children that can result in serious injuries or
13 death; and

14 WHEREAS, a number of children were injured in falls
15 from windows in the Des Moines area in 2011, with one
16 fall that resulted in a fatality; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
18 That the House of Representatives recognizes the month
19 of April 2012 as Window Safety Awareness Month in
20 Iowa; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
22 Representatives joins concerned members of the
23 community to promote window safety awareness and
24 education to help prevent window falls and their
25 devastating effects; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
27 Representatives commends the Hannah Geneser Foundation,
28 Blank Children's Hospital, Iowa Health Systems, Safe

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1 Kids of Iowa, the Iowa Department of Public Health,
2 Orchard Place, the Iowa Donor Network, the Iowa
3 Lions Eye Bank, My Angel Foundation, and Iowa window
4 manufacturing companies for their work protecting
5 Iowa's children from childhood injuries from potential
6 window falls in the home through a state window safety
7 outreach program called "Hannah's Hope".